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2. Merchant Ship Repairs and Construction

a. At a shipyard located southwest of mooring buoy #29 a Soviet vessel undergoing repairs.

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a temporary structure had been erected on deck and the repairs were taking place under it. One passenger vessel of about 800 tons and almost completed was at this same yard. Another passenger vessel of about one thousand tons was approximately half way completed.

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one end-on slipway at this yard.

an old ship of about 200 tons under repair there.

b. Alongside at The Point, opposite buoys #38 and #39, were two or three new tugs which required only some work on their engines before completion

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3. Naval Installations The naval base at Woosung is located at 31°22'30" N, 121°29'06" E.4. Anchorage and Pilot Data Pilot boarded at 31°05'N, 122°11'2"E and piloted vessel to anchorage which extends northwest and south-east of midpoint 31°24'3"N. 121°33'E.

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5. Controls

Border Police

This police-

man was apparently an enlisted guard who was to stay aboard the ship while she was at anchor. he wasn't

supposed to sleep, eat, etc until relieved. He was not relieved during the entire stay of vessel in anchorage - a period of some five days.

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he later accepted food from the crew and slept in a vacant cabin. [redacted] a boarding party composed of Public Health, customs, immigration representatives, agent, and nine border police came aboard. The police were split into parties of three each, fore, aft, and amidships, and a ship's officer accompanied each team while they searched the vessel. Radio transmission, use of fathometer, radar, and RDF were prohibited but the instruments themselves were not sealed. Nothing - not even paint staves - was permitted to be put overboard.

6. Harbor Craft Water taxis take crewmen ashore from the vessels anchored at mooring buoys in subject port. These taxis call every half hour and carry crewmen ashore at various points, one of which is opposite the mooring buoy #9. From here one walks upstream to a point opposite mooring buoy #8 where the streetcar line ends.

7. Berth [redacted] vessel arrived at subject port in ballast, [redacted]

Stevedores used

ship's booms, working 24 hours per day, eight-hour shifts. [redacted] the eight-hour shift was not rigidly adhered to; if the relief gang was late in arriving, the previous gang would continue working, to as much as 12 hours. Cargo was lightered to the vessel by junks.

8. Construction The electric power station located on the north side of the river at 30°16'15"N, 121°33'07"E has been considerably expanded in size [redacted] it extends for three city blocks

[redacted] the plant [redacted] was surrounded by a brick or stone wall some nine feet high.

9. Naval Vessels [redacted] two or three warships operating off Woosung Roads.

[redacted] with low after section and high bow, two twin 4" mounts forward and one aft, several AA and 40mm guns, one stack, radar, and an appearance "like new." In size [redacted] smaller than a DE. Of those ships pictured in an obsolete sighting guide [redacted] the "KAIBOKAN #1" Class as similar, but with an unbroken deck. At Woosung Naval Base, located in paragraph 3 above, [redacted] three vessels similar to those described immediately above. These may have been the same vessels seen [redacted] outside the river. There were also two old-appearing submarines, with deck gun, about 10 coastal-type ME [redacted] and some 15 MBs and MLs. The largest gun on the MLs [redacted] is a 20mm. No major combatant vessels were observed. Some of the vessels were a very dark gray while others were gray-blue.

10. Merchant Vessels [redacted]

[redacted] One Polish vessel observed in port had been seen [redacted] loading grain [redacted]

11. Shore Activities Crew was allowed ashore from 0600 to 2400 each day. Those that went ashore went primarily to the Seamen's Club. [redacted] they were allowed to go elsewhere, but transportation elsewhere had to be arranged through the Seamen's Club. Actually, he goes on, he only noted one tavern in the entire city. The Seamen's Club is located on the west side of Garden Bend, at about 31°14'35"N, 121°29'E [redacted]

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Offered at the club are beer and liquors, souvenirs, Communist magazines (only), and inexpensive movies. On one occasion a special showing of Greek films was scheduled, one of which had Chinese subtitles. and the other a Chinese film with Greek "dubbed in."

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45 minutes of propaganda films before seeing the Greek ones. Soviet visitors to the Seamen's Club were treated separately from other nationalities. the President of the club, who invariably wore black, was treated with exceptional deference by the other Chinese. 1 Oct 58 was a national holiday and was celebrated by a four-hour, 15 thousand-participant parade

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It rained the entire time.

a hotel located on the north side of the Soochow Ho and to the west of the main bridge there. this hotel is the tallest building in Shanghai.

12. Miscellaneous a considerable amount of small arms fire upon entering the Huang Pu, it came from the area behind the north bank immediately ahead of the beginning of the Woosung breakwater. A meteorological station is located immediately in front of the range lights which bear 250° on entering the Huang Pu.

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